

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Karen Serra and the Portland High school softball team on a outstanding season.

WHEREAS, the game of softball is a proven testing ground for the development of athletes and fine overall students and the stellar Portland High School softball team is richly deserving of the title “champions” whether on the diamond or off; and

WHEREAS, Portland won the regular season District 10AA title, with a notable record of 9-1; and

WHEREAS, the Panthers next won the District 10AA Tournament, beating Westmoreland 13-3 and Greenbrier twice 8-2 and 3-2; and

WHEREAS, their overall record in this memorable season was 19-9; and

WHEREAS, **Coach Karen Serra** and **Assistant Coach Chad Perry** have been widely praised for their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the team leaders were: **Jennifer Denning**, District 10AA Player of the Year; senior **Sara Carter**, named to the All-District 10AA and All-District 10AA Tournament squads; sophomore **LeAnne Batey**, an All-District 10AA and All-District 10 AA Tournament selection; **Kelly Garrison**, an All-District 10AA and All-District 10AA Tournament choice; senior **Sabrina Cook**, All-District 10AA; **Jessica Denning**, All-District 10AA and **Christie Pruett**, All-District 10AA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the other members of the team were: sophomores **Katie Pruett** and **Chasity Thomerson** and freshmen **Lindsey Azimipour**, **Kathy Jo Byrd**, **Annie Butler**, **Amy Conyer**, **Lynn Farrab**, **Carrie Mundy** and **Meg Thornton**; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working statistician was **Tara Thorton**; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to recognize this special team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Karen Serra and the Portland High School softball team and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copy.